



**35 YEARS AND 140,000 AIRCREW**

On December 20, 1924, a group of eight young men — the RCAF's first aircrew trainees — received their wings. Friday, at RCAF Station Winnipeg some 35 years and 140,000 aircrew later, another class is to graduate in a ceremony which will mark the final chapter of the RCAF's 35th anniversary celebration. Pictures here show the first graduating class beside an Avro 504 trainer, and part of the class which will graduate Friday, beside a modern T-33 jet on which they were trained. Guest of honor at the ceremony will be Air Marshal Roy Siemon.

**NOTES ON FUR FARMING**

The Michigan Supreme Court recently refused to set aside a damage verdict involving the death of 1,074 mink on the defence ground that the lower court judge had used judicial prejudice language at the trial. Justice John Voelker, writing the unanimous opinion, held that there had been no prejudicial error on the part of Clinton County circuit judge, Paul R. Cash, sufficient to influence a jury in awarding \$50,000 damages to Joseph Patrick, Pompeii mink farmer.

Approximately 100,000 mink fell under the hammer, consisting principally of 35,000 autumn hase, 25,000 cerulean, 10,000 jasmene, 4,000 Canada majestic dark mink, 3,000 desert gold, 10,000 made up of leutetta, diadem and argenta brands, and 3,000 miscellaneous mutations.

The manager of the auction company goes on record with the statement that the above collection consists of the finest mink raised in Western Canada.

Fromm Bros., the largest fur farmers in the world, are offering at auction in Hamburg, Wisconsin, approximately 50,000 mink standard and mutation, and 4,000 Fromm pedigree foxes. The mink offering will feature not only Fromm mink, but also attractive collections from other important shippers, in standard and mutation in all the desired color phases.

**AMERICAN BUYERS**  
A report from Oslo, Norway, says that an offering of 12,000 good quality blue fox was 100 percent sold at prices firm to last season, at the auction held at Oslo on Thursday of last week.

The majority of skins went to American buyers, who predominated at the sale. Italy, Western Germany and England were also well represented.

The total average price reached at the sale was 220 Norwegian kroner, the top price was 370 kroner. The total offering consisted of 23,000 blue fox and 60,000 mink.

**TORONTO**

**TORONTO (CP)** — After struggling to stay at higher levels Wednesday, the stock market tumbled down amid the lightest trading in two weeks.

Western oils led index losers with a loss of one-half point. Base metals were down a few decimal points. Golds, the only winner, went up one-quarter point.

Mines were mixed. International Nickel gained 1/4 at 105 and McIntyre - Porcupine advanced 1/4 at 91%. Most other senior mines lost fractionally. Senior uranium were up. Algom gained 1/4 at 11 1/2, Consolidated Denison went up 1/4 at 11 and Gunnar fell five cents at \$9.65.

Western oils, although down on index, were quiet most of the day. Changes moved in a narrow 10-20 cents range with losses ahead of gains.

Index changes: golds up 22 at \$7.43; base metals off .03 at 169.39; and western oils off .60 at 100.49.

**ECONOMY GOOD**  
John Shackman, managing director of Shackman, Ltd., London, England, was a visitor to New York last week interviewed, he said that England was having one of its better years. Two factors are largely responsible for the upsurge, he said, first—British economy is good and improving all the time. Women have the money to buy, and they want the best. Secondly—lowering of the purchase tax on fur sales from 100 percent to 25 percent has helped.

Mr. Shackman, hopeful that the taxes would be lowered still further, said that it would provide still more sales appeal.

**TORONTO CLOSING STOCKS**  
By The Canadian Press  
Toronto Stock Exchange—Dec. 16 (Quotations in cents unless marked \$)  
—Odd lot, 2d — Ex-dividend, 2d—Ex-rights, 2d—Ex-warrants.  
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MINES  
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**COMMODITY IMPORTS UP**  
OTTAWA (CP) — Higher imports from Britain, the United States, Germany and Japan helped boost commodity imports in the first 10 months of this year 10.7 per cent above those for the corresponding period last year, the bureau of statistics said. Final figures for the period showed the 10-month total rose to \$3,754,300,000 from \$3,390,700,000. The August figure rose 14.3 per cent to \$447,200,000 from \$388,900,000.

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**DAILY MARKET QUOTATIONS**

**SUMMARY**  
By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Toronto — Market down, light trading.  
New York — Stocks mixed, active issues in demand.  
Montreal — Market slightly weaker, moderate trading.

**CURRENCY**  
NEW YORK (CP) — Canadian dollar off Wednesday 3-64 at 65 7-64 in terms of U.S. funds. Week ago \$1.05 3-16. Pound sterling off 1-16 at \$2.79 29-32.

**DIVIDENDS**  
By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Aluminum Company of Canada Ltd., 1st pd., 25 cents, March 1, record Feb. 5, 2nd pd., 36 cents, Feb. 29, record Feb. 5.  
Conwest Exploration Company Ltd., 6 cents, Feb. 1, record Jan. 15.  
Dominion Textile Company Ltd., 15 cents, pd. \$1.75, Jan. 1, record Dec. 24.  
Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company, 40 cents, Feb. 1, record Dec. 21.  
Ventures Ltd., 25 cents, Jan. 29, record Jan. 4.

**PRODUCE**  
MONTREAL (CP) — Agriculture department quotations:  
Eggs: Wholesale dealer prices country station, wooden cases, extra-large 32; large 31; medium 30; small 29; B 25; C 16. Receipts 72.  
Butter: current receipts, tenable 64; non-tenable 64; cash grade creamery prints, job price 64 1-2-64; fresh wholesale tenderable 64 1-4, non-tenable 64 1-4.  
Cheese: delivered Montreal, not taxed, current receipts Quebec white 32, colored 32; wholesale white 33, colored 33 1-4; current receipts Ontario white O.B. grading station 33, colored 36 1-2; wholesale Ontario colored and white no quotations.  
Potatoes: Quebec 75s 1.90-2.00; B. 75s 2.05-2.15; N.B. 50s 1.30-40; N.B. 10s 32-34; P.E.I. 75s 20-2.40.

**GRAIN**  
WINNIPEG (CP) — Small price changes were recorded by all grains in dull trading Wednesday at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. Closing prices:  
Oats—Dec. 1/2 lower 76 1/2; May

**NEW YORK**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Many individual issues including some aluminums were strong Wednesday in a mixed stock market. The aluminums were boosted during the session by the trend toward rising prices to meet a bigger world demand. After the close, Alcoa announced it is increasing the price of aluminum pig.  
The Associated Press average of 60 stocks rose 20 cents to \$228.90.  
The president of Studebaker-Packard, in a statement on the Dow Jones news ticker, revised upward his firm's 1959 earnings forecast to \$25,000,000 from \$20,000,000. The stock soared to the top of the most active list and kept a net gain of 1 1/4 to close at 24 1/4 on 122,900 shares.  
Alcoa rose 3/4, Reynolds Metals 1 1/4, Kaiser Aluminum 2 1/4 and Aluminum Ltd., 1/4.  
Having rose 3 1/2, Du Pont 2 1/4, Swift 1 1/4, Owens-Illinois Glass 1 1/4, Texaco 1 1/4, and Philip Carey up 2 1/4.  
Among the Canadian issues McIntyre Porcupine gained 1/4.

**MONTREAL**  
MONTREAL (CP) — Papers and industrials staged late recovery.

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